

nona Lake, Ind., what is called the "Moody Memorial Home." Here ministers of any denomination receiving \$1000 or less may find beautiful quarters free during the season of the Winona Assembly and Summer School. It will prove a great blessing to hundreds of tired pastors who will be enabled to spend a few days in rest and learning at this beautiful place. Dr. Chapman himself leads the Bible Conference held there.

The whole country has been treated to another shock such as thrilled it from one end to the other at the time of the Johnstown disaster. Galveston, Texas, is the scene of the horror this time. A hurricane drove the waves of the gulf over the city destroying a large part of it. It was built on a sandbar only averaging 6 feet above the sea level. The city will probably be rebuilt only to suffer in the same way at some future time. This calamity is yet as nothing compared with the ruin of the thousands who are destroyed every year because they build the foundations of character upon the sands. Yet other thousands see the folly and go straight and repeat it.

The political campaign is now growing warm. It bids fair to repeat what was a commendable feature of the campaign four years ago, namely, the educational feature. At that time everybody set to studying the money question. Now new issues have come up and the people are trying to take sides intelligently. The days of pyrotechnic campaigning are not altogether gone but they are slowly going. When voters think then progress is assured and the reign of right comes on apace.

The United States has grown to such importance that the other powers not only bid for its favor but turn to it for leadership in the great international problems. In the crisis with China the counsel of this government has gone far toward peace and the integrity of the empire. It is a responsible position and since all the people share in the government all must share the responsibility. Instead of railing at the mistakes of our leaders we should rather pray for them that in their positions of power they may be guided to the glory of God.

Chicago is to have a hospital for cats. The unfortunate felines of that city need no longer be without proper care. The demand for such a place has been growing for a long time. Now if only people could see how much better is a human soul than a cat they would not, while caring for the brutes, allow thousands of places to run wide open which make a business of ruining souls.

## Quiet Observer

This is the time of year for the General and District Conferences of the Brethren church and the time too at which a great many changes take place among pastors. We do not have the system by which ministers are assigned to their places thru a bishop or conference, or are compelled to change pastorates after so long a time. We prefer to allow each congregation to arrange for its own pastor. This system has some disadvantages but it has many advantages. I do not mean now to discuss the merits or demerits of the system but rather to express several observations which I hope may promote in some small measure amiable relations between pastor and people.

1. Inasmuch as the choice of pastor is made by the congregation then if the Holy Spirit is to have any part in the choice He must work thru the congregation. This puts a responsibility upon the church which should not be ignored. The church at Antioch was ministering unto the Lord and fasting when they were moved to set apart Paul and Barnabas for their work. (Acts 13.) The church business meeting should be as reverent as any meeting of the church. The pastor on his part should realize the same responsibility and seek to be sure that his call is of the Lord as well as of the congregation he is to serve.

2. When the call is given and accepted then the work should begin and go on in mutual confidence. If the pastor be a stranger he will want to study his congregation. It may have had a peculiar history. It may have been sown with various errors. It may have factions or hobby-riders or wolves in sheep's clothing. It will probably have a few disgruntled ones who consider it a sacred duty to inform the new pastor immediately about the mess he has gotten into—just to cheer him up and enable him to preach more wisely! I should like to give illustrations here but they are needless. I have known pastors to arouse needless antagonism by being too hasty in judgment right in the beginning. Every man's way seems right in his own eyes and the pastor must needs be patient with all while in his preaching he knows "nothing but Christ and him crucified."

3. But more often I think harm is done by hasty judgment on the part of the congregation. "Well how do you like the new preacher?" "O very well I guess if I can only get used to his delivery. But I am watching to see if he has the same faults the other one had." My dear brother do you expect to find a preacher without defects of any kind? Would it not be better to say "I am looking for things to commend in him." They will be as easy to find as faults if you only look for them. And when the faults appear would it not be well to remember that the scriptures require special care about accusing an elder; that remarks are contagious and your hasty criticism may poison a whole community and hinder a whole year's work; that you cannot judge a man by one sermon or one month's work; that above all the pastor is only human and that when wrong the Christian thing to do is to humbly speak to him face to face. He will bless you for it and seek to correct the wrong.

4. And then when the pastor has been with you a long time remember that new members have come into the church and community and children have grown up so that it becomes necessary to repeat things that have been taught before. The story may grow old to you but not if you yourself keep telling it to others. And when some visiting pastor or evangelist comes along and preaches a few sermons culling out the best things of all he knows, don't think that he is necessarily so much better than your own pastor. If you were to prepare two new sermons each week year in and year out for the same congregation and saw the same sins abiding in it you might come to do just as your pastor is doing. Finally let us all remember that the pastor is not hired to do the work for us but with him we are all "workers together with God" and should seek to strengthen the bonds of love by words of encouragement and acts of helpfulness all along the way.

## Literary Notes

The October number of *The Arena* is of special interest to voters. The leading symposium, on "The Menace of Imperialism," is a calm but edifying discussion of this timely topic, one of the debaters being an ex-Chief Justice of New Mexico. Apropos of the present campaign, the secretary of the National Municipal League writes instructively of "Philadelphia's Election Frauds;" while an article on "Bryan as a Soldier" will delight all admirers of the Democratic candidate. "How England Averted a Revolution of Force," by B. O. Flower (late editor of the *Coming Age*, which has been absorbed by the *The Arena*), is filled with lessons for the present. Other important contributions are: "Militarism or Manhood?" by Joseph Dana Miller; "The Futility of Anti-Trust Legislation," by A. G. Wall; "The Education of Indians," by Elaine G. Eastman; "The Artistic Impulse in Man and Woman," by E. A. Randall, and an extremely interesting discussion of "The Status of the Modern Hebrew," by Ezra S. Brudno and the Rev. A. K. Glover. The editors are N. O. Fanning and John Emery McLean. The *Arena* Com-

pany, New York City, 25 cents, or \$2.50 a year.

Eighteen men, aided by the fastest mailing appliances, are kept on the rush every month getting *The Ladies' Home Journal* off to its subscribers. The first shipments are started about the middle of each month, and from that time until the twenty-fifth the magazines pour out of the Journal's publishing office by the two-horse-dray load. On the twenty-fifth of each month every Journal has reached its destination, and work in the mailing department slackens for a few days. Some idea of the tremendous size of the Journal's subscription list may be gained when it is known that forty tons of mailing type are required to set up the names of subscribers. There are three-quarters of a ton of each numeral, and it requires twenty thousands galleys to accommodate the subscribers' names in type. This stock would equip six or eight large daily newspapers. As many as sixty-five compositors are employed setting the names of the Journal's subscribers in type—printers enough to set the type for the biggest metropolitan daily newspapers. The expenses for postage paid by the Journal approximate \$75,000 a year.

Following are the contents of the October Chautauquan: Maids and Matrons of New France, Mary Sifton Pepper; The Measure of Eyes. (Verse) Edmund Vance Cooke; Masterpieces of the French Revolution; Political Clubs During the French Revolution, John W. Perrin; The Study of Rural Life, Kenyon L. Butterfield; Education on the Farm, Eleanor Kinleyside Howell; How a Club Paper Was Written, Julia B. Anthony; The Rivalry of Nations: World Politics of Today, Edwin A. Start; A Reading Journey in the Orient, Maria Jadwin; Critical Studies in French Literature, Fredrick M. Warren; The Inner Life of Fenelon, Charles M. Stuart; C. L. S. C. Round Table, conducted by Kate F. Kimball; Topics of the Hour; C. L. S. C. Class Directory; Summer Assemblies for 1900.

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